



The Bobcat  
1953-1954

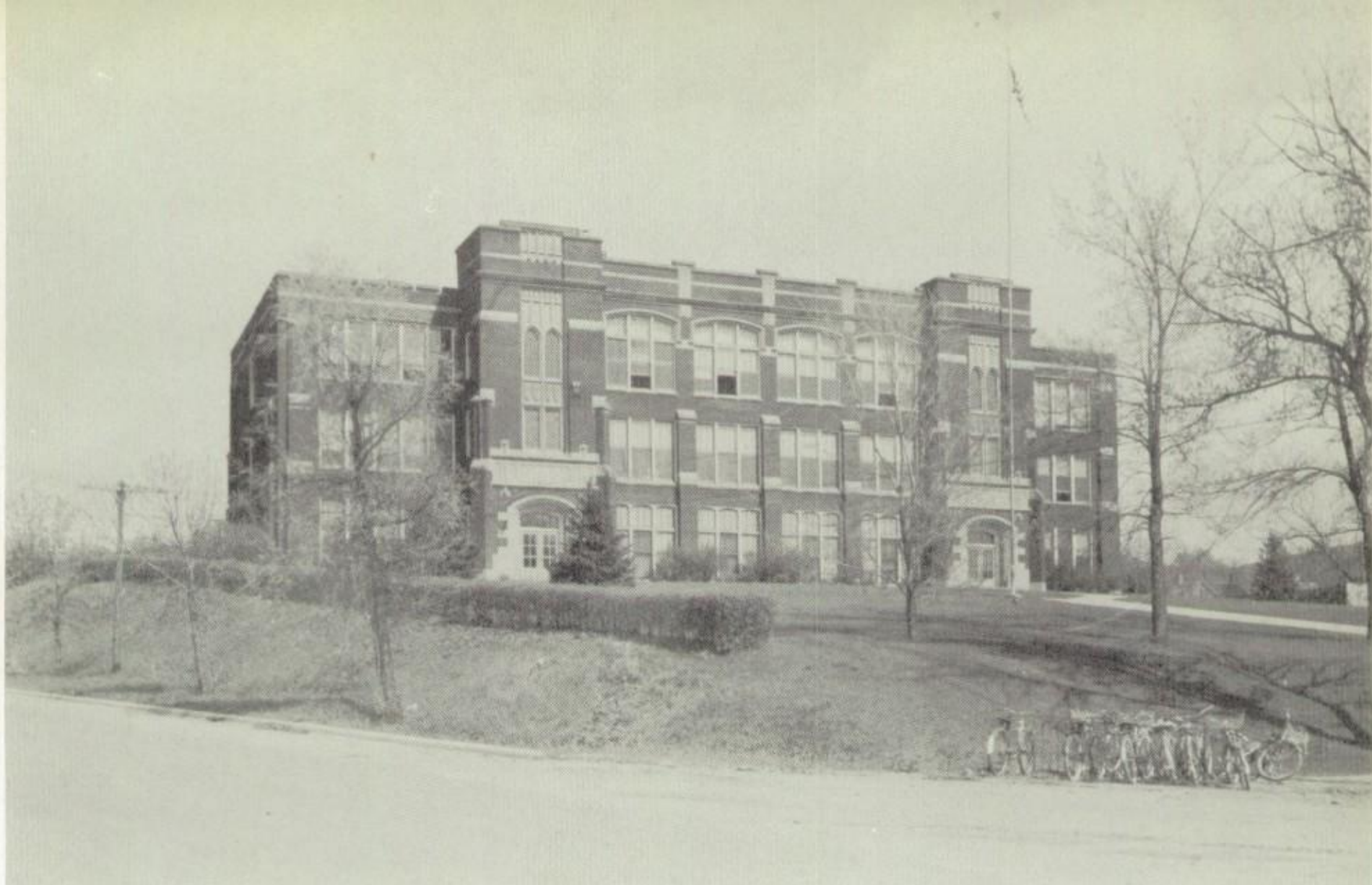












## School

This is the present home of all the Bobcats. Its first year of operations commenced in the fall of 1918. During its thirty-six years as an educational institution of the community, it has always been staffed with personnel who hold first in mind the future welfare of Lake Benton students. Since the school's opening, it has functioned under eight administrators. They are as follows:

|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| E. H. Wilcox         | - - - - - | 1918-1921 |
| G. T. Almen          | - - - - - | 1921-1928 |
| R. W. Vance          | - - - - - | 1928-1931 |
| H. C. Christopherson | - -       | 1931-1944 |
| A. K. Hoel           | - - - - - | 1944-1948 |
| John Gering          | - - - - - | 1948-1949 |
| E. M. Thomson        | - - - - - | 1949-1952 |
| L. E. Thorson        | - - - - - | 1952- --  |

### THE BOBCAT

Lake Benton Public Schools

1953 - 1954

#### Staff Officers

|               |           |               |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Gail Kerr     | - - - - - | Editor        |
| Beverly Smith | - - - - - | Ass't. Editor |
| Gladys Prosch | - - - - - | Prod. Manager |
| Marian Lang   | - - - - - | Bus. Manager  |



# Dedication



**Thomas McCaffrey**

The staff of this 1953-1954 yearbook respectfully dedicates this year's Bobcat to Mr. Thomas McCaffrey, a life-long citizen of the Lake Benton community.

Mr. McCaffrey's life started at Verdi. It was there he attended school and spent some of his earlier years engaged in farming in Verdi Township until 1928. He then made his residence in Lake Benton upon entering the retail furniture business, an occupation in which he is still engaged. Mr. McCaffrey has been civic-minded throughout his years in Lake Benton having been mayor of the village since 1939 to 1954, in addition to holding the position of Adjutant for some time in the local unit of the American Legion. He has always stood ready to lend a helping hand to any undertaking which aimed at community improvement.





## Superintendent

L. E. Thorson

"As teachers, we are living in a period of cynicism. We are bombarded by false prophecies. Demagoguery is used in an effort to distort the purest ideals of teachers. It remains that if teachers remain steadfast to the ideals of their profession, they will be able to have the courage to resist these pressures and to justly speak of those things they know as being true."



## Principal

H. G. Edwall

"Try hard to put in practice what you already know; and in so doing, you will, in good time, discover the hidden things which you now ask about. Practice what you know, and it will help to make clear what you now do not know."

## School Board

Mr. Floyd Peterson  
Director  
Mr. Floyd Monahan  
Chairman  
Mr. Oscar Trautman  
Director  
Mr. Thomas Kelly  
Treasurer







## Faculty

ROW ONE: Miss Garre, English, Dramatics; Mrs. Burge, Fifth Grade; Miss Michaels, Sixth Grade; Mrs. Gilronan, Second Grade; Mrs. Marti, First Grade; Mrs. Mathews, Third & Fourth Grades.

ROW TWO: Miss Koopman, Seventh Grade, Dramatics; Mr. Wright, Speech, Eighth Grade; Mr. Hall, Social Studies, Coach; Mr. Schmidtke, Industrial Arts, Jr. High Coach; Mr. Swanson, Agriculture; Mr. Collison, Business Education, Publications; Mr. Trembley, Science, Instrumental Music; Miss Umland, Home Economics, Vocal Music.

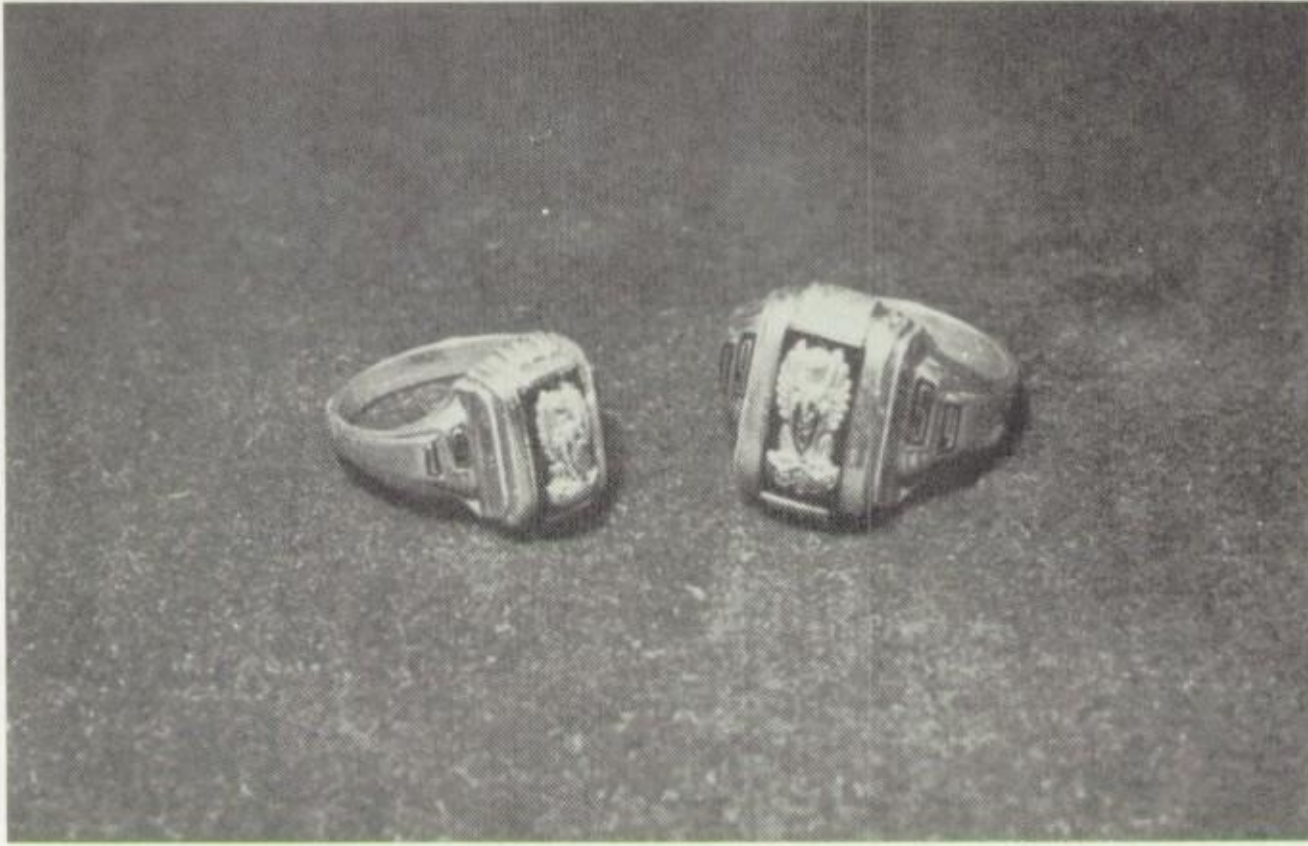


## Secretary

Miss Erschens has been keeping office records for all the little Bobkittens during the past three years. In addition to keeping the bulletin board up to date at all times, she handles all the many other office duties that keep our home operating on a systematic order.



# Seniors



Thirty-two students will receive their diplomas from Lake Benton High School at the 1953-54 commencement. The primary objectives of these graduates are to take a firm station in life and to represent themselves at all times in a manner that only the highest-caliber reflections will be cast upon them. Among the foremost interests of the Lake Benton school is the desire to assist each individual student in gaining the basic roots with which each will establish a firm grasp on a position in our freedom-spirited America.

## CLASS OFFICERS

|                 |           |                |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Jim Weber       | - - - - - | President      |
| Gail Kerr       | - - - - - | Secretary      |
| Gladys Prosch   | - - - - - | Vice-President |
| William Klitzke | - - - - - | Treasurer      |







**Arland Bebensee**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Basketball-----1-2  
Class Play-----3-4  
F.F.A.-----4  
Football-----1



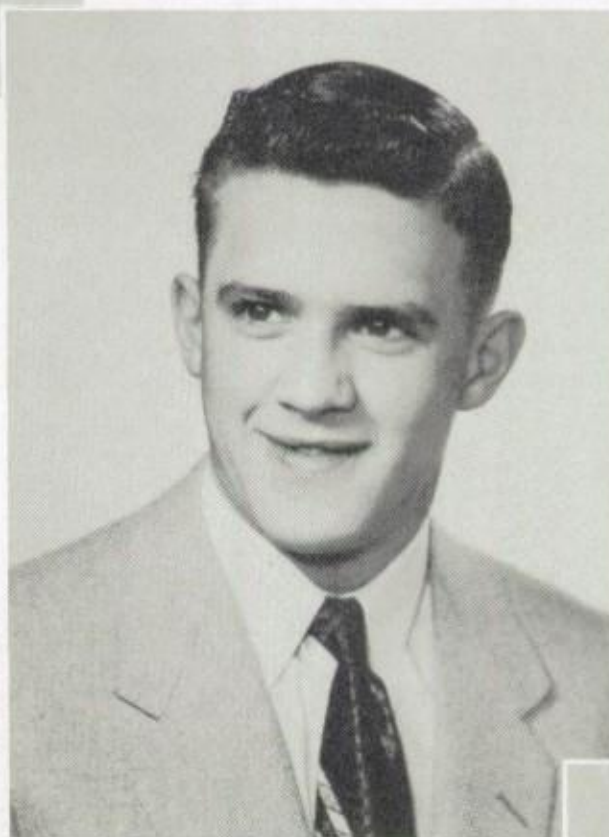
**Arnold Haack**

Chorus-----2-4  
Class Officer-----2  
Class Play-----3-4



**Lenora Bruhn**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
G.A.A.-----2-3  
Class Play-----4  
Paper Staff-----3



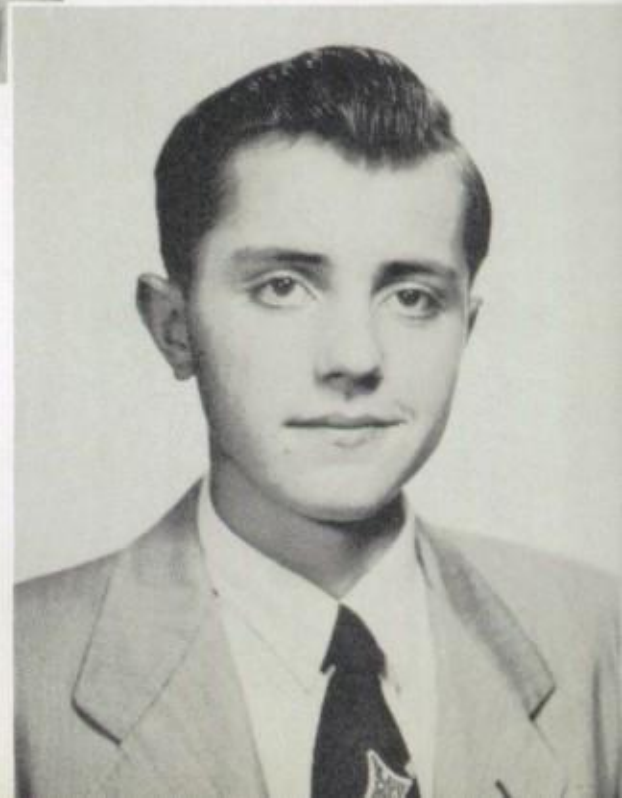
**Dale Determan**

Band-----2-3  
Basketball-----1-2  
Class Play-----3-4  
St. Council-----4



**Florence Giese**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----2-3-4  
Cheerleader-----3-4  
G.A.A.-----1-2  
Triple Trio-----2  
Paper Staff-----2



**Ewald Evers**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Class Play-----3-4  
Pep Band-----3-4  
F.A.A.-----4





**LeRoy  
Herschberger**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----2-3-4  
Class Off.-----1-3  
Class Play-----3-4  
F.F.A.-----4

**Peggy Kelly**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Band-----1-2-3-4  
Paper Staff-----2-3-4  
Pep Band-----3-4  
Class Play-----3  
St. Council-----4



**Alan Hendrickson**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----3-4  
Class Play-----4  
Boy's Octette-----4  
Speech-----4  
F.F.A.-----4

**LaDonna Hoberg**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Triple Trio-----2-3-4  
Speech-----2-3-4  
Paper Staff-----2-3  
G.A.A.-----1-2  
Class Play-----4



**Mavis Johnson**

Chorus-----1-2  
G.A.A.-----2-3

**Janice Johnson**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----2-3-4  
Paper Staff-----2-3  
Class Play-----3-4  
G.A.A.-----2-3  
Pep Band-----3-4





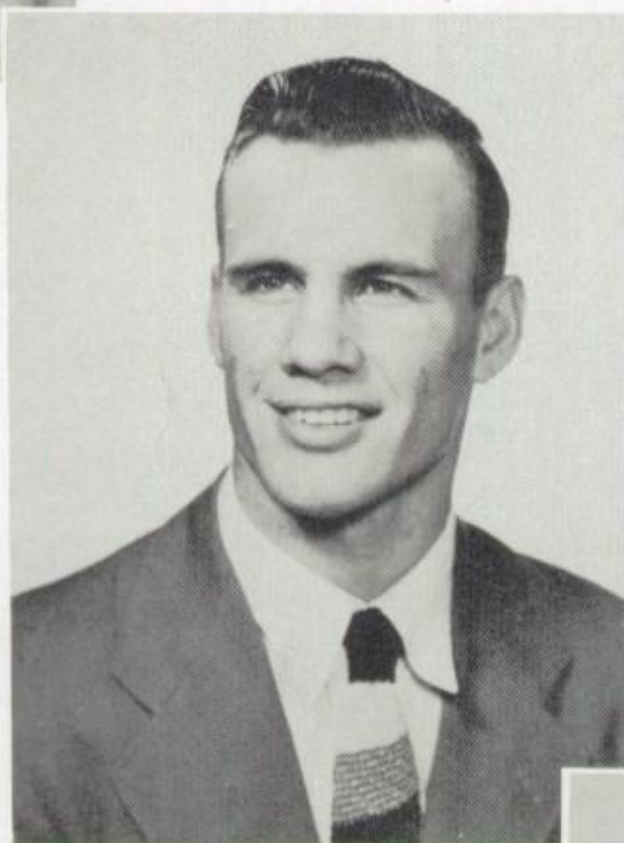


**Gail Kerr**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
 Paper Staff-----1-2-3-4  
 Chorus-----2-3-4  
 Annual Staff-----3-4  
 Honor Society-----3-4  
 Speech-----3-4

**Marian Lang**

Chorus-----3-4  
 Triple Trio-----3-4  
 Annual Staff-----3-4  
 Paper Staff-----3  
 Class Officers-----3  
 Speech-----4



**William Klitzke**

Football-----1-2-3-4  
 Basketball-----1-2-3-4  
 Baseball-----1-2-3-4  
 St. Court-----1-2-3-4  
 Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
 Honor Society-----3-4

**Ila Knutson**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
 Triple Trio-----3-4  
 G.A.A.-----1-2  
 Class Play-----4



**Janis Kock**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
 Chorus-----2-3-4  
 Paper Staff-----2-3-4  
 Pep Band-----2-3-4  
 Class Play-----3  
 G.A.A.-----1-2



**Bernice Kock**

Chorus-----2-3-4  
 Paper Staff-----2-3  
 G.A.A.-----1-2  
 Triple Trio-----2







**Curtis Lanning**

Basketball---1-2-3-4  
Football-----1-2-3-4  
Track-----1-2-3-4



**Joyce Patrick**

Speech-----4  
Paper Staff-----4  
Librarian-----4



**Shirley Meyer**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Triple Trio-----2-3-4  
St. Council-----1-3-4  
Class Off.-----3  
Speech-----4  
St. Court-----2



**Virginia Mortland**

Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Paper Staff-----1-2-3  
Triple Trio-----4  
Class Play-----3  
G.A.A.-----2-3



**Wanda Nielsen**

Chorus-----2-3-4  
Triple Trio-----2-3-4  
St. Council-----2  
St. Court-----4  
Class Play-----3  
G.A.A.-----2

**Lyle Mosier**

Football-----1-3  
Class Play-----3-4  
Basketball-----1  
Chorus-----4







**Gladys Prosch**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Class Officer----2-4  
Annual Staff-----3-4  
Paper Staff-----2-3  
Class Play-----3-4



**James Weber**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Basketball---1-2-3-4  
Football-----1-2-3-4  
Boy's Octette--2-3-4  
St. Council-----3-4



**Shirley Rydell**

Chorus-----2-3-4  
Class Play-----3  
G.A.A.-----2



**Beverly Smith**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----2-3-4  
Triple Trio----2-3-4  
Paper Staff----2-3-4  
Annual Staff-----3-4  
Cheerleader-----3-4



**Charles**

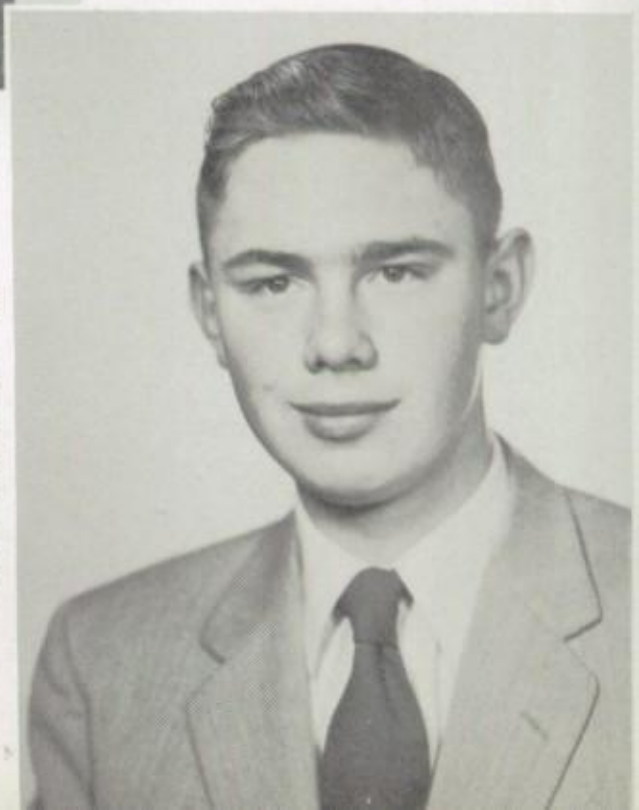
**Van Eeckhout**

Football-----4  
Basketball-----4  
St. Court-----4  
St. Council-----4  
Class Play-----4  
Boy's Octette-----4

**Dennis**

**Tellinghuisen**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----1-2-3-4  
Speech-----1-2-3-4  
Paper Staff-----1-2  
Class Play-----3-4  
F.F.A.-----4







**Milan Wisniewski**

F.F.A.-----4  
Class Play-----3-4



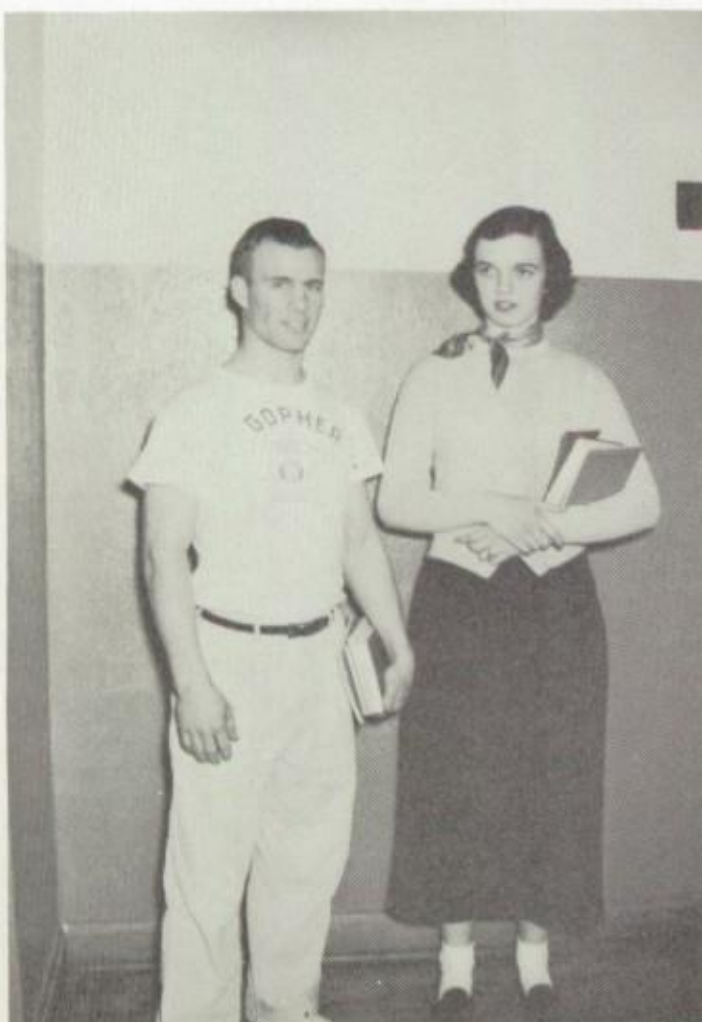
**Claudia Zimmer**

Band-----1-2-3-4  
Chorus-----2-3-4  
Paper Staff-----2-3-4  
Pep Band-----3-4  
G.A.A.-----1-2  
Class Play-----3

The Lake Benton Chapter of the National Honor Society has been established since 1951. The object of the society is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate the desire to render service, promote leadership, and encourage development of character in students. Members are selected on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The local chapter has twelve graduate members and two active members. The active members are seniors, Bill Klitzke and Gail Kerr. Members selected in previous years are:

| <u>1951</u>      | <u>1952</u>    | <u>1953</u>     |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Carl Evers       | Joyce Bebensee | Yvonne Kopitzke |
| Jerry Kerr       | Alton Nielsen  | William Klitzke |
| Donald Meyer     | Monrad Kerr    | Gail Kerr       |
| Leola Schmidt    |                |                 |
| James Mortland   |                |                 |
| Betti Holmgren   |                |                 |
| Theresa Erschens |                |                 |
| Theodore Schwing |                |                 |

The American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion sponsor a girl and boy each year to represent the community at Girls' and Boys' State, which is held in the 4-H Club building on the State Fair grounds. All students chosen as delegates to attend this gathering must be in their junior year of a public, private, or parochial school, and must be physically fit in addition to being in the upper third of their class scholastically. They must show an interest in political science and government and have taken an active part in extra-curricular activities. The representatives are chosen by vote of the school faculties. The organizations, in sponsoring these candidates, give an opportunity to the attendants to conduct themselves as citizens in a mythical state so that they may live with other Girl and Boy Staters as a self-governing group of citizens, and bring back to their schools an understanding and appreciation for "Our American way of life."







ROW ONE: Mike Nordmeyer, James Crooks, Darrell Tirrel, Eugene Moon, Keith Rochel, James Hurd, Billy Williams, Danny Schulz.  
 ROW TWO: Paula Holz, Carol Giesel, Cynthia Trautman, Dorthy Whipple, Gail Nordmeyer, Carol Tirrel, Cheryl Keech, Anita Gieneart, Karen Krick.  
 ROW THREE: Terry Trautman, Catherine Meyer, Steven Fehrman, Stanley Olson, Rosemary Klitzke, Vicki Johannsen, Calvin Gilbert, Mary Broding, Terry Williams.  
 ROW FOUR: Jimmy Kelly, Leslie Jolitz, Steven Noterman, James Winter, Steven Willert, Lonnie Bressler, Jeffrey Stromberg, Sharon Showalter, Judy Thomsen, Curtis Stromberg. Mrs. Marti, Instructor.

## First Grade

## Second Grade

ROW ONE: James Alexander, Gary Hurd, Sandra Rochel, Diane Keech, Wesley Hohn, Kathryn Schmidtky, Diana Miller, Thea Larson.  
 ROW TWO: Betty Whipple, David Rochel, Larry Thomsen, Dwight Holz, David Schardin, Gale Iverson, Leonard Kwilinski, Gregory Jordahl.  
 ROW THREE: Richard Johnson, Kent Atzen, Patricia Barnes, Jane Schardin, Noel Trautman, Judith Klitzke, William Prinsen, Mike Hall. Mrs. Gilronan.







ROW ONE: Dennis Klitzke, Karen Petersen, Ruth Heubner, Karen Lorenzen, Jerold Trautman, Sharron Koster, Roger Trulock.

ROW TWO: Richard Niemann, Robert Schardin, Bonnie Rust, Sharon Noterman, Linda Gehrts, Marlys Petersen, Rosemary Meyer, Mrs. Mathews, Instructor.

ROW THREE: Richard Whipple, Gerald Willert, Curtis Moon, Eddie Van Eeckhout, Joel Koster, Sheila Schardin, Sharon Gilbert, Earl Schulz.

## Third Grade

## Fourth Grade

ROW ONE: Sylvia Neilson, Ann Kelly, Dennis Berthelsen, Dennis Porter, James Thorson, Irene Johnson, Jerry Bushman, LeAnn Nelson, John Benson,

ROW TWO: Warren Meyer, Mary Ann Alexander, Gayle Kock, James Krouse, Sheryl Jordahl, Carol Wenten, Darrel Steinberg, Steve Fix, Raymond Sears, Alice Evers.

ROW THREE: Mrs. Burge, Instructor. Larry Mathison, Janice Kuhn, David Burge, Connie Schmidtke, Faye Prinsen, James Meyer, Carrel Steinberg, Hazel Prinsen, Georgie Peters, Michael Schardin, Richard Blegen.







ROW ONE: Milo Larson, Stanley Hohn, Darlene Schulz, Madelyne Benson, Beverly Barnes, Mary Jean Giesel, Renee Cassidy, Dale Hurd, Gerald Rochel.  
 ROW TWO: Joe Thomsen, Sharon Determan, Carl Burke, Susan Petersen, James Christensen, Jane Huebner, Marlys Monahan, Gary Thorson, John Meyer.  
 ROW THREE: Miss Michels, Instructor. Duane Fernholz, Carole Nelson, Carol Nelsen, Elizabeth Schardin, Ronald Nieman, Joyce Van Eeckhout, Beverly Krause, David Blegen, Lucille Klitzke, Marvin Garbers.

## Sixth Grade

## Safety Patrol

Supt. Thorson, Supervisor. Beverly Barnes, Donald Barnes, Raymond Sears, Darrel Steinberg, Elizabeth Schardin, Mary Jean Giesel, Joyce Evans, Lucille Klitzke.







ROW ONE: Dennis Rochel, Billy Mathews, Lorelee Mathison, Barry Trautman  
Larry Johnson, Dale Trulock

ROW TWO: Jaclund Brune, John Redlinger, Bob Klitzke, Uda Fink,  
Tom Kelly, Sharon Alexander, Miss Koopman, Instructor.

ROW THREE: Dean Koster, Barrie Wodtke, Betty Krueger, Bobby Miller,  
Delores Nelson, Ione Grubich.

## Seventh Grade

## Eighth Grade

ROW ONE: Lilas Huebner, Sonya Porter, Richard Nielsen, Faye Tellinghuisen,  
Rodney Broding, Goyce Giesel, Colleen Evans, Roy Hinz, Sharon Kelly,  
Ronald Gieneart.

ROW TWO: Mr. Wright, Instructor. Roger Nielsen, Lyle Rochel, Fay Sears,  
Gunther Fink, Donald Hay, Kay Steinberg, Janice Zimmer, Curtis Charter,  
Betty Rust.

ROW THREE: Jerry Van Eeckhout, Eugene Stufen, Janet Meyer, Gayle Trautman,  
Romelle Trade, Douglas Jordahl, Dale Koster, Elenor Determan, Janice Krause,  
James Koster, Dennis Herrman.







ROW ONE: Donald Evers, Darrell Beck, Darwin Nelson, Ray Galbreith, Myron Turlock, Robert Mathews.

ROW TWO: Sharon Salzman, Janice Bebensee, Donna Peterson, Yvonne Johansen, Sylvia Herschberger, Susan Meyer, Beverly Blegen, Joan Wodtke, Karen Peterson, Annabell Slight.

ROW THREE: Calvin Meyer, Sharon Larson, Roland Evans, Milton Faulds, LeRoy Knutsen, Earl Klitzke, Marilyn Hollendar, Dickie Haynes, Troy Fix, Virginia Larson, Mr. Schmidtke, Instructor.

ROW FOUR: Lizbeth Fink, Leo Alexander, Marilyn Johnson, Donald Sik, Del Erickson, Joan Busselman, Donald Vick, Eunice Johnson, Joan Mathison, Judy Hubener, Mildred Giese.

## Freshman

### CLASS OFFICERS

President - - - - Earl Klitzke  
 Vice-President - - Leo Alexander  
 Secretary - - - - Elizabeth Fink  
 Treasurer - - - - Mildred Giese







ROW ONE: Keith Lambert, Darlene Patrick, LeRoy Christensen, Bernadine Moat, Marion Galbraith, Joyce Determan, Helen Gehrts, Robert Hinz, Marlys Rochel, Leon Knutson.

ROW TWO: Miss Gaare, Instructor, Gene Beck, Betty Jaques, Curtis Meyer, Janice Mitchell, Lloyd Thorson, Connie Peterson, Larry Nordmeyer, Mariam Luschen, Dennis Pittenger, Phyllis Hanson.

ROW THREE: Dickie Hurd, Arnold Berthelsen, Ronald Kwilinske, Andy Steinberg, Byrl Koster, Richard Quarton, Donald Jackson, Norman Sears, Dale Johnson, Walter Soderlind, James Lage.

## Sophomores

### CLASS OFFICERS

|                  |           |                |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Phyllis Hanson   | - - - - - | Secretary      |
| Marlys Rochel    | - - - - - | Treasurer      |
| Walter Soderlind | - - - - - | President      |
| Darlene Patrick  | - - - - - | Vice-President |







ROW ONE: Mavis Klitzke, Sophia Junge, Mary Jane Anderson, Barbara Lund, Donna Bushman, Eunice Hansen, Carol Truckenmiller, Darlene Hurd.  
 ROW TWO: Miss Umland, Advisor; Patricia Sorensen, Jan Pries, Myrna Johnson, Marlene Tellinghuisen, Ray Hinz, Donna Jean Anderson, Donald Nordmeyer, Janice Petersen, Norma Nelsen, Mr. Edwall, Advisor.  
 ROW THREE: David Evans, Wesley Nielsen, Jerry Kuhn, Ralph Gacke, Norman Evers, Robert McCaffrey, David Koster, Douglas Edwards, Burdette Wodtke, Bruce Determan.

## Juniors

### CLASS OFFICERS

Sophia Junge - - - - -Treasurer  
 Ralph Gacke- - - - -Vice-President  
 Carol Truckenmiller- - -Secretary  
 David Koster - - - - -President







1953 proved to be a very successful year for the LBHS marching band. They opened the season with trips to Slayton and rain-drenched Blue Earth for the District Legion Convention. Local appearances for Memorial Day and Saddle Horse Holiday drew much more favorable weather. Highlight of the year was a businessmen-sponsored trip to the Minneapolis Aquatennial in July. The band also marched in parades at Pipestone, Tracy, Elkton, S. D., and Brookings, S. D. as well as at all home football games (including Homecoming) and at the championship football game in bitterly cold weather at Balaton. The seasons climax came at the Tri-State band festival held at Luverne when LBHS musicians won the coveted Class CC first-place trophy for marching achievement. The marching band now serves as the core of the concert band which is now busily preparing winter and spring concerts prior to entering the district music contest in May. Exchange concerts with Balaton, Hendricks, and Tyler are tentatively arranged.

## Band

Composed of beginners, the junior band serves as a springboard for the senior band. After spending several months learning concert band techniques the students are tested and promoted to the advanced groups when ready.







## Majorettes

The drum majorettes who led the LBHS band during the 1953-1954 school year are Phyllis Hanson, Sharon Determan, Miriam Luschen, and Marlene Tellinghuisen. Their clever struts and unison baton twirling added zest to band performances. They composed a most colorful front row being dressed in red satin, silver-trimmed costumes.

## Majorette

Beverly Smith filled the post of drum major for this school year's marching band. Her being at the front-and-center position proved to be an inspiration to all members of the marching unit. Since she has the natural gifts of poise and grace, in addition to being a talented musician, her position will be difficult to fill next year.







## Mixed Chorus

The Bobcat family already has more than a passing interest in choral music. The ability displayed by the High School Mixed Choir furnishes further proof of the popularity of choral work and indicates that the a cappella training received by these choir members has done much to develop the individual voices. The Junior High Chorus indicates that they will represent Lake Benton well in the future. One of the outstanding highlights of the musical year is the annual Christmas concert in which both choirs, under the direction of Miss Phyllis Umland, played a substantial part. This year's yuletide concert was centralized around the musical selection, "Rejoice This Night, Rejoice," with a special designed backdrop, lighting effects, and the use of the newly acquired risers all enhancing the program.

Invited as a solo choir to attend the May Festival at both Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, the High School Mixed Choir, composed of fifty-eight voices, elected the Concordia College invitation.

## Junior High Chorus







### Boys' Octette

Ranking high among the musical organizations of Bobcatdom are the Girls' Triple Trio and the Boys' Octette. These vocal ensembles, selected from the personnel of the High School Mixed Choir, furnish program music for various school and community functions. The repertoire of the various vocal organizations is chosen from representative music of all types of the sixteenth century through the modern style. The efforts of all the vocal groups have been strongly indicated by the loyalty and co-operation of the singers themselves.

### Girls' Triple Trio





The L.B.H.S. football team of 1953-54 brought home eight victories and the District Nine Championship trophy for the six-man competition. The record of the Bobcats at the season's close stands at 23 consecutive wins. To gain possession of the trophy, the Bobcats played and defeated Cottonwood; Balaton played host for the event. Team members were taught football fundamentals under the able direction of a new coach, Mr. Harold Hall.

| Lake Benton |          | Opponent   |    |
|-------------|----------|------------|----|
| 58          | Sept. 11 | Ruthton    | 0  |
| 14          | Sept. 18 | Minneota   | 12 |
| 32          | Sept. 25 | Hendricks  | 6  |
| 20          | Oct. 9   | Tyler      | 19 |
| 18          | Oct. 16  | Marietta   | 12 |
| 19          | Oct. 23  | Tyler      | 6  |
| 31          | Oct. 30  | Ivanhoe    | 14 |
| 63          | Nov. 4   | Cottonwood | 31 |



## Football



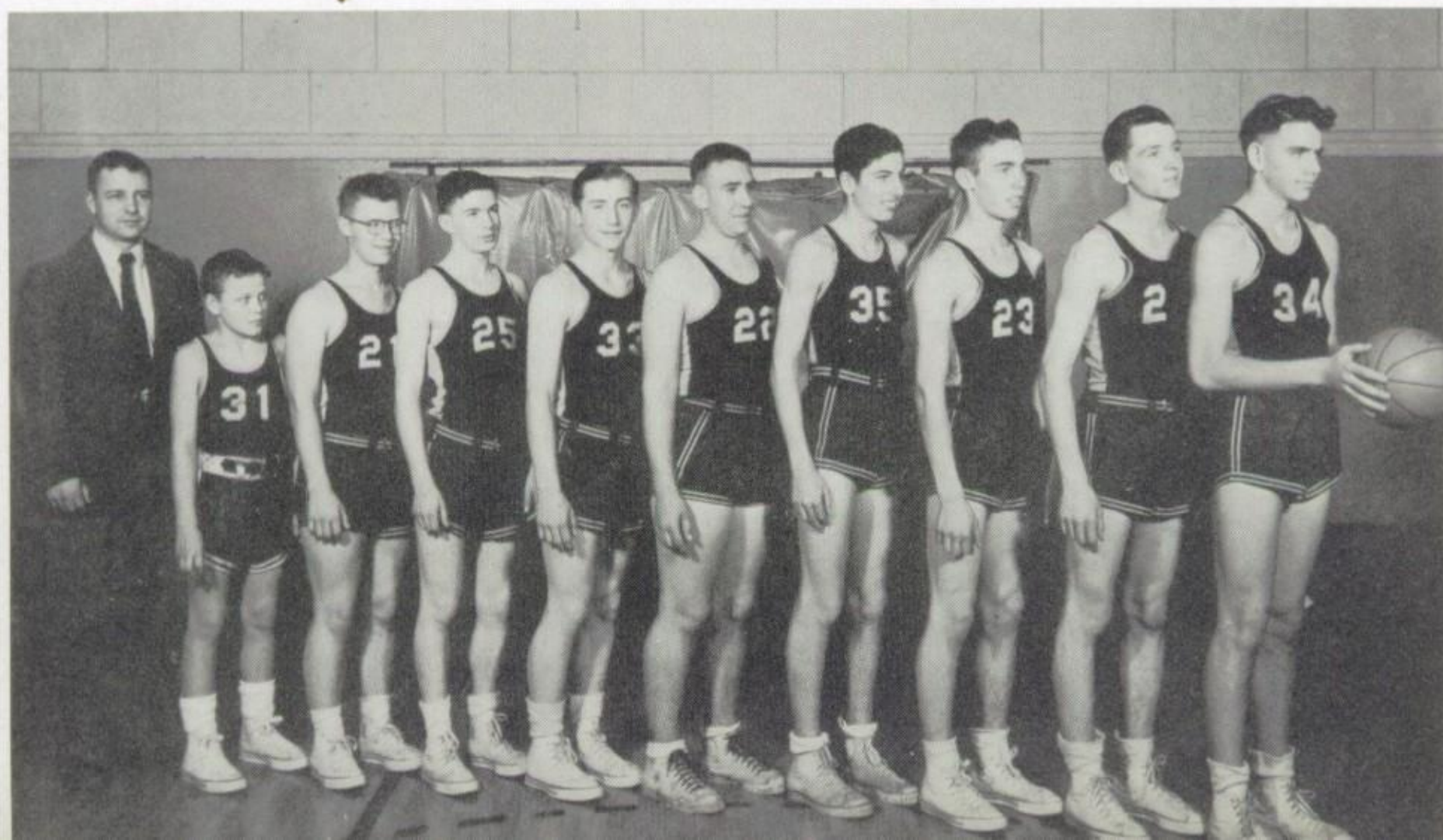




## Basketball

The Bobcats finished conference play February 19 after having played a total of fourteen games with other member schools of the Camden circuit to attain a 9-5 record and placing in second position in conference standing. The complete schedule and score are listed below. This year's team, under the guidance of Coach Hall, compensated for its lack of height by playing well off the backboards. This year's "B" team has represented itself well and by next year some of its members should move up to the varsity to make Lake Benton a strong contender for title honors.

|             |       |           |       |             |       |          |       |
|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Lake Benton | 62-69 | Hendricks | 48-60 | Lake Benton | 49-57 | Minneota | 52-47 |
| Lake Benton | 70-75 | Russell   | 55-59 | Lake Benton | 66    | Ruthton  | 30    |
| Lake Benton | 43-37 | Ivanhoe   | 63-53 | Lake Benton | 37    | Edgerton | 57    |
| Lake Benton | 63-58 | Tyler     | 56-71 | Lake Benton | 61    | Verdi    | 46    |
| Lake Benton | 64-60 | Balaton   | 56-57 | Lake Benton | 57    | Marietta | 45    |
| Lake Benton | 70-55 | Lynd      | 62-64 | Lake Benton | 58    | Madison  | 54    |







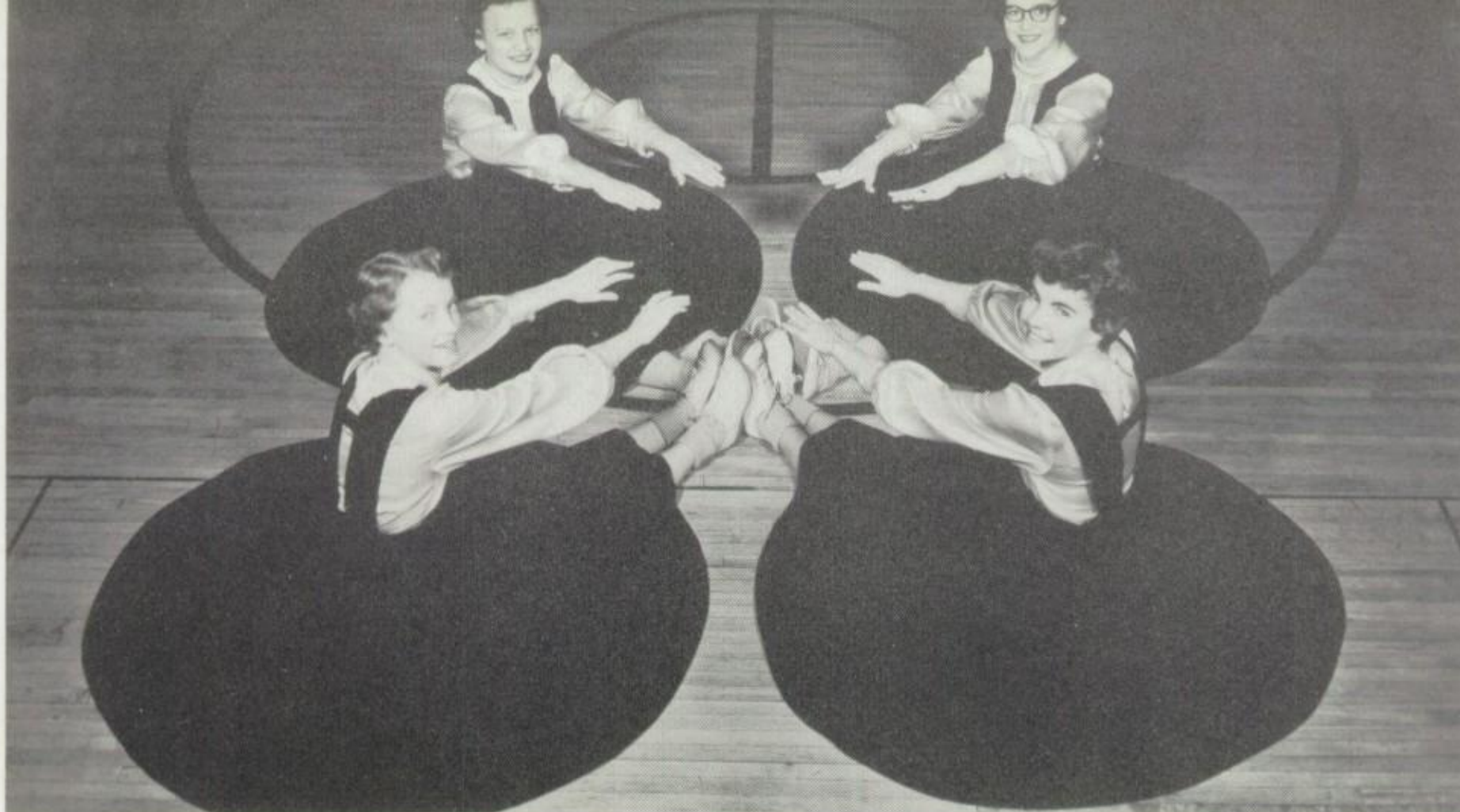
## Junior High Basketball

The pressure was on this group after having acquired a 13-game winning streak from the previous year in addition to losing all but two of the original twelve members from last year's squad. The record this year stands at seven wins against two losses. The team advanced into the semi-finals of the Jr-Hi tournament played at Ivanhoe by defeating Hendricks 36-32, after which they lost to Tyler 40-34. The 3rd spot of the tournament was captured, however, by the local boys disposing of Minneota 32-30. Two individuals, Rollie Evans and Dean Koster, were nominated to the All-Tournament squad. The team will be minus two members from the tournament squad, but a fair season is anticipated for next year.

|             |       |         |       |
|-------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Lake Benton | 23-38 | Tyler   | 22-32 |
| Lake Benton | 26-31 | Russell | 21-22 |
| Lake Benton | 26-41 | Balaton | 27-20 |
| Lake Benton | 18-27 | Ivanhoe | 13-34 |
| Lake Benton | 38    | Lynd    | 28    |







The four girls above are responsible for giving the team a vocal uplift during the games with other member schools of the district. Marlys Rochel, Joyce Determan, Beverly Smith, and Mavis Klitzke are all adept at the skill.

## Cheerleaders

There are also three more who do a rather excellent job of having team supporters put the strain and stress on vocal mechanism. Miriam Luschen, Florence Giese and Carol Truckenmiller are our "B" team cheerleaders.







The Jr. High Cheerleaders are Gayle Trautman, Janice Bebensee, and Faye Sears. These girls are chosen by the student body soon after the opening of school. Much of their spare time is spent practicing for the main event of the year--the Jr. High tournaments.

## Cheerleaders

## Future Farmers of America

The Lake Benton Chapter of The Future Farmers of America was organized this year. This is a new organization in the school and originates through the vocational agriculture classes. Membership is voluntary and restricted to Vo-Ag students.

The primary aim of the FFA is to develop agricultural leadership, co-operation, and citizenship. Through this organization, the members may expand socially, become acquainted with problems in community service, and learn to participate in various activities on a local, state, and national level. They also have the opportunity of making their Vo-Ag training more practical and meaningful by participating in FFA sponsored judging contests, parliamentary procedure contests, and their own supervised farming programs. The motto of the FFA is: LEARNING TO DO, DOING TO LEARN, EARNING TO LIVE, LIVING TO SERVE.







## Annual Staff

Plans for publication of this year's yearbook were started about mid-November by making the dummy layout for a tentative book. During the first week of December, the staff complement was filled by the addition of four junior class members who will have worked under the direct supervision of the senior class staff members. Pictures for the yearbook were received during the first school week of January which enabled full scale operations to commence.

Work on the "Voice of the Bobcat" commences during the first week after school opens by the selection of the staff. The paper is issued once a month to 110 subscription holders. The paper is exchanged with 10 schools throughout the local area.

## Newspaper







## Student Council

Our sixteen-member student council represents the student body in making student sentiment known in school policy. It also regulates the extra-curricular activities of the school. All items must receive majority approval and be sanctioned by the school administration before going into effect. Mr. Edwall is advisor of both the court and council.

The student court is set up to administer student action upon students who infringe upon student law or administrative policy. The members of the court are selected by vote of the classes. The members are rotated every half-semester. All action is approved by Mr. H. G. Edwall, our principal.

## Student Court







## Homecoming

Two of the most exciting events of the year are the homecoming celebration and the selection of the homecoming king and queen.

This year candidates were chosen from each of the senior high school classes with final selection being made by vote of the entire student body.

The homecoming king was selected by the Letterman's Club.

Curtis Lanning and Florence Giese of the senior class were selected as the royal couple this year. Homecoming was celebrated on October 30. Lake Benton defeated Ivanhoe. Score, 31 - 14.

One other event that draws community-wide attraction is the fall carnival. It, also, is reigned over by a king and queen who are chosen by popular vote of the general public who attend the carnival. This year's honors went to Gail Kerr and James Weber.

## Carnival





## Twirlers

The baton twirlers took the spotlight during half-time of almost all home basketball games. Dressed in new multicolor uniforms lined with gold satin and trimmed with a sparkling fleur-de-lis, the nine-member team went through a variety of stunts including twirling, acrobatics, dancing, and lighted baton routines.

The group is under the direction of Mrs. Donald Trembley. A majority of the participants have had less than two years of training.

Members of the group include Phyllis Hanson, Faye Sears, Marlene Tellinghuisen, Faye Tellinghuisen, Miriam Luschen, Gayle Trautman, Mavis Klitzke, Elizabeth Schardin, and Sharon Determan.

A group made up of grade school students is also under instruction.



The three boys pictured below are the basketball squad members who will be lost to graduation. Left to right are Bill Klitzke, Jim Weber, and Curtis Lanning. All three have played "A" and "B" ball since their freshman year. Bill and Jim did their best with a one hand push shot from the guard positions while Curtis was an expert in the key.







## Bus Drivers

The school of Lake Benton operates 5 buses in transporting students to and from school and to take care of transportation needs of its other regular scheduled activities. A total of 306 miles is covered each day in the two-way trips with 152 student passengers.

Pat Krick, Robert Kuhn, Ronald Enke, George Nelson, and Clifton Peterson are the pilots.

## Janitor



## Cafeteria

Mrs. Anna Eberle and Mrs. Pearl Lahey are the culinary specialists in the Hot Lunch Department. This year some much needed equipment was added to the department to make their work a bit more pleasant. They supply the vitamins necessary to "refuel the boilers" each noon.





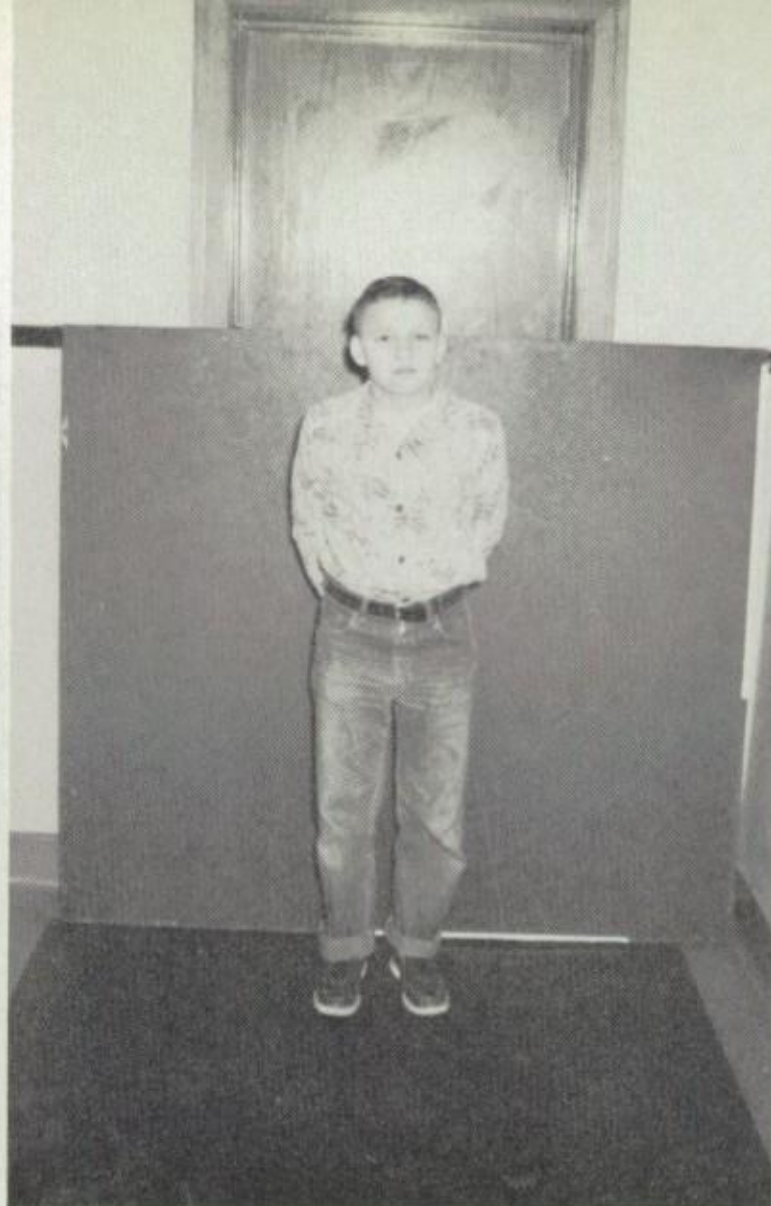


## Speech

Under the direction of Mr. Thorson, Mr. Wright, Miss Koopman, and Miss Gaare these students received superior ratings in the local declamation contest held on Feb. 24. The eight pictured below will advance to the district competition to represent Lake Benton at Marshall on March 16. Eighteen students participated in the local contest. Divisions included original oratory, memorized oratory, dramatic, humorous, and manuscript reading.







The noon hour activity period holds attraction to nearly every member of the upper six grades. Such games as shuffleboard, table tennis, volley-ball, badminton, and checkers are played. The contests are arranged so that a tournament play-off takes place enabling some student or students to emerge victorious in each of the sponsored activities. Both boys and girls participate in the program. Pictured above are the winners from the following events: James Koster, Rollie Evans, table tennis, doubles; Dean Koster, table tennis, singles; and Wesley Nielsen, Ray Hinz, shuffleboard doubles. The activities are sponsored by the student council.

### Activities

A meeting of athletic strategists--Mr. Hall and Mr. Schmidtke are the overseers of the muscle flexing gang. From early fall until early spring, these gentlemen are putting the boys through the grind to build strong bodies, develop character, mend co-ordination, and promote better athletic participation for Lake Benton.







A very important part of the Christmas program was the stage setting. The backdrop pictured above was designed by Prof. C. M. Running of Concordia College. It measured 12 x 16 feet, made of muslin fabric, and the design was hand painted by several artists from the choir. Mr. H. G. Schmidtke, made the frame with which to support it; and he, also, took charge in setting it on the stage for the program.

#### P.T.A. Program

The scene below is from the P.T.A. spring fund-raising show. The event was put on at the school on the evening of Feb. 26. Members of the local P.T.A. made up the cast to present a take-off on a well-known radio program. The show, one and a half hours in length, was staged with musical assistance by a group of talented musicians from Marshall. Supt. Thorson is pictured as he played "Schnozz" Durante. "Where the nose goes, the nose knows." "February Frolics" was the production's title.







Grade Citizenship Clubs

Each grade has a "Good Citizens Club" which meets about every two weeks. The members learn how to conduct meetings, elect officers, and have programs pertaining to "Good Citizenship." The above children are the presidents and secretaries representing the five clubs in our six grades.

## Acknowledgments

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